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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I appreciate the opportunity to share with you my views on Comcast Corporation's proposed joint venture with NBC Universal. I am hopeful that you and your fellow commissioners will rule upon it promptly and do so affirmatively.

As you know, Mississippi is the birthplace of Comcast. So Mississippians understand better than most this company's values, its contributions, and its commitment to its employees and customers. We view Comcast's success with great pride and with an enormous appreciation for the investments it has made in our state.

Today, in Mississippi alone, Comcast employs nearly 1,300 workers, carries an annual payroll of more than \$52 million, and offers health benefits to each of its employees. In keeping with its connection to our state, Comcast opened an Advanced Solutions Center in Madison that houses some 660 employees and serves the entire region for the company's voice and broadband Internet products. At a time when job creation and economic recovery are my top priorities, the people of Mississippi appreciate Comcast's commitment to its employees and to our state.

Comcast has also continued with its robust investment in broadband infrastructure despite one of the worst economic climates in 70 years. It is the leader in broadband deployment in Mississippi and has invested more than \$60 billion nationwide since 1996 to bring increasingly faster broadband speeds to America's homes and businesses at affordable prices. For Mississippi businesses, the availability of broadband is essential to find markets for products nationwide and across the globe. As I have worked with our legislature to put Mississippi workers on the front lines of innovative technologies and advanced manufacturing, Comcast has provided the broadband infrastructure that is essential to meet our goals.

Additionally, Comcast's commitment to wiring libraries and schools for broadband service has complimented my efforts to improve education. These efforts, along with sensibly balanced budgets and tort reform have shown employers that Mississippi is open for business and ready to lead the nation out of recession.

I believe that the Comcast-NBC Universal joint venture will help spread Comcast's positive corporate culture throughout this new entity, which can only be good news for the company's employees here in Mississippi, for job creation in our country, and for continued innovation and competition in the communications market, particularly in the area of broadband. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the Commission quickly approve the Comcast-NBC Universal joint venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haley Barbour", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Haley Barbour